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For: IMMERSION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD
WITH LIQUID DETECTION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. An Office Action was issued in U.S. Application No. 11/398,572. A copy of the Office Action is submitted for the Examiner's consideration as Reference 1. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.

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